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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: BOARD OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Thursday, August 16, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: Conference Room B, Cannon Bldg,
861 Silver Lake Blvd Dover, DE 19904

MINUTES APPROVED November 8, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT

Eric Wahl, Professional Member, President, Presiding
Jeffrey Seemans, Professional Member, Secretary
Rachel Dunning, Public Member, Treasurer
William Bullock, Public Member
Jeffrey Clark, Professional Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Danny Stevenson, Deputy Attorney General
Jessica Williams, Administrative Specialist II

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Wahl called the meeting to order 9:05 a.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes for the May 10, 2012 meeting. Ms. Dunning made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bullock, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sign Final Order from Rules and Regulations Hearing Held on May 10, 2012

The Board members affixed their signatures to the Final Order.

NEW BUSINESS

Ratification of Application for Licensure by Reciprocity – Paxton Jordan

Ms. Dunning made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bullock, to ratify the application for licensure by reciprocity for Paxton Jordan. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Requests for Inactive Status – Thomas Conley

Ms. Dunning made a motion, seconded by Mr. Clark to approve inactive status for Thomas Conley expiring on January 31, 2015. Motion unanimously carried.

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Discussion Regarding Legislative Initiatives

Mr. Stevenson reminded the Board of their previous decisions to propose statutory changes, such as eliminating the secretary and treasurer positions; updating definitions to mirror the CLARB model law to include storm water management.

Mr. Clark advised the Board that storm water management is not on the exam and is not taught at the university level. The Board requested that Mr. Matt Spong, a previous Board member, be invited to the next regularly scheduled meeting to discuss the intent of changing the statute to include storm water management instead of storm water drainage.

Ms. Williams will obtain a copy of the DNREC proposed rules and regulations and will contact Mr. Spong to invite him to the November 8, 2012 meeting.

Discussion Regarding Topics for Fall 2012 Newsletter

Mr. Wahl advised the Board that he will be teaching a new course, Sustainable Design, at Delaware Technical and Community College this fall. Mr. Wahl suggested that the different levels of sustainable design be discussed throughout the newsletter.

Mr. Seemans wanted to ensure that the newsletter also focuses on protecting the public and not primarily on promoting the profession. Mr. Stevenson advised Mr. Seemans that, while it is the mission of the Board to protect the public, some self promotion of the profession is acceptable.

The Board discussed the importance of detailing in the newsletter, what the profession does, what the professionals do for the betterment of the communities, will ultimately increase the public's knowledge and increase protection.

Mr. Clark suggested that the Board use the newsletter as a tool for the possibility of a Sunset Review.

Mr. Seemans advised the Board that he will be attending the CLARB meeting in September and volunteered to be the CLARB Liaison for the Board's newsletter. He also suggested that the Board produce one newsletter a year, and suggests that the Board determine content and due dates during the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Mr. Wahl and Mr. Seemans will draft proposed language for the newsletter for the Board to review during the November 8, 2012 meeting.

Discussion Regarding Executive Order 36

The Board was provided with a copy of Executive Order 36 and Mr. Stevenson explained the impact it will have on the Board.

Discussion Regarding Senate Bill 178

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Other Business before the Board (For Discussion Only)

Mr. Seemans asked Ms. Williams about the CLARB conference call that was held on August 13, 2012. Ms. Williams presented a brief synopsis of the conference call to the Board.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

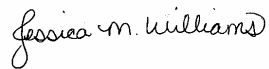
Next Meeting Date

The Board will hold the next meeting on November 8, 2012 at 9:00 a.m., in Conference Room “B” of the Cannon Bldg., 861 Silver Lake Blvd., Dover, Delaware.

Adjournment

Ms. Dunning made a motion, seconded by Mr. Clark, to adjourn. There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jessica M. Williams, Administrative Specialist II
Board of Landscape Architects